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Election to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 28 July 2006, Mr. Yongxiang **Shen** (China) notified the Secretary-General, through the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, of his decision to resign as a member of the Committee with immediate effect. Mr. Shen's term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2008. The present members of the Committee are listed in annex III to the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2006 (A/61/3).

2. In a note verbale dated 9 August 2006, the Secretary-General informed the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from the regional group of Asian States of Mr. Shen's resignation. In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 and rule 12 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Secretary-General invited the Governments concerned to submit, by 9 October, their nominations for membership in the Committee to fill the vacancy therein for the remainder of Mr. Shen's term of office.

3. As of 9 October 2006, the Secretary-General had received the nomination of Mr. **Zhan** Daode, submitted by the Government of China. Biographical information on Mr. Zhan is presented below.

* Date(s) to be determined.

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Zhan Daode (China)

Date and place of birth:	1 July 1938
Working languages:	Chinese and English
Sex:	Male

Current and previous positions/functions

Since 2001	Council member, United Nations Association of China
1997-1999	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda
1993-1997	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Vanuatu
1990-1993	Alternative member, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
1988-1989	Counsellor, Department of North American and Oceania Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980-1988	Second Secretary, First Secretary, Counsellor in the Embassy of China to Zambia
1967	Interpreter, Embassy of China to Uganda

Participation in the United Nations and in international conferences

2004	Seminar on transboundary immigrants in Istanbul held by the European Commission (representative of the Chinese delegation)
1991-1992	Forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (alternate representative)
1991	First session of the Preparatory Committee for the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights
1990	Workshop on the Framework for Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Manila
1990-1993	Forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission on Human Rights (alternate representative of the Chinese delegation)

Education

1963-1964	English Faculty of Xiamen University, Bachelors of Arts